

Drivers of copper availability in agricultural soils receiving long-term applications of organic fertilizers

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Context

- Moderate but on-going and long-term contamination of agricultural soils fertilized with organic wastes (OW)
- High Cu toxicity for soil organisms

Scientific issue

- Lack of knowledge on effects of availability and bioavailability of Cu in such moderately contaminated soils

Study's aim

→ Long-term consequences of recycling organic wastes on Cu availability under real field conditions

Material & Methods



- 4 types of soil: Andosol/ Cambisol/ Nitisol/ Arenosol
- 3 fertilisation types: No fertilizer/ Mineral fertilizer/ Organic fertilizer



Soil solutions extraction (1:10 ratio)

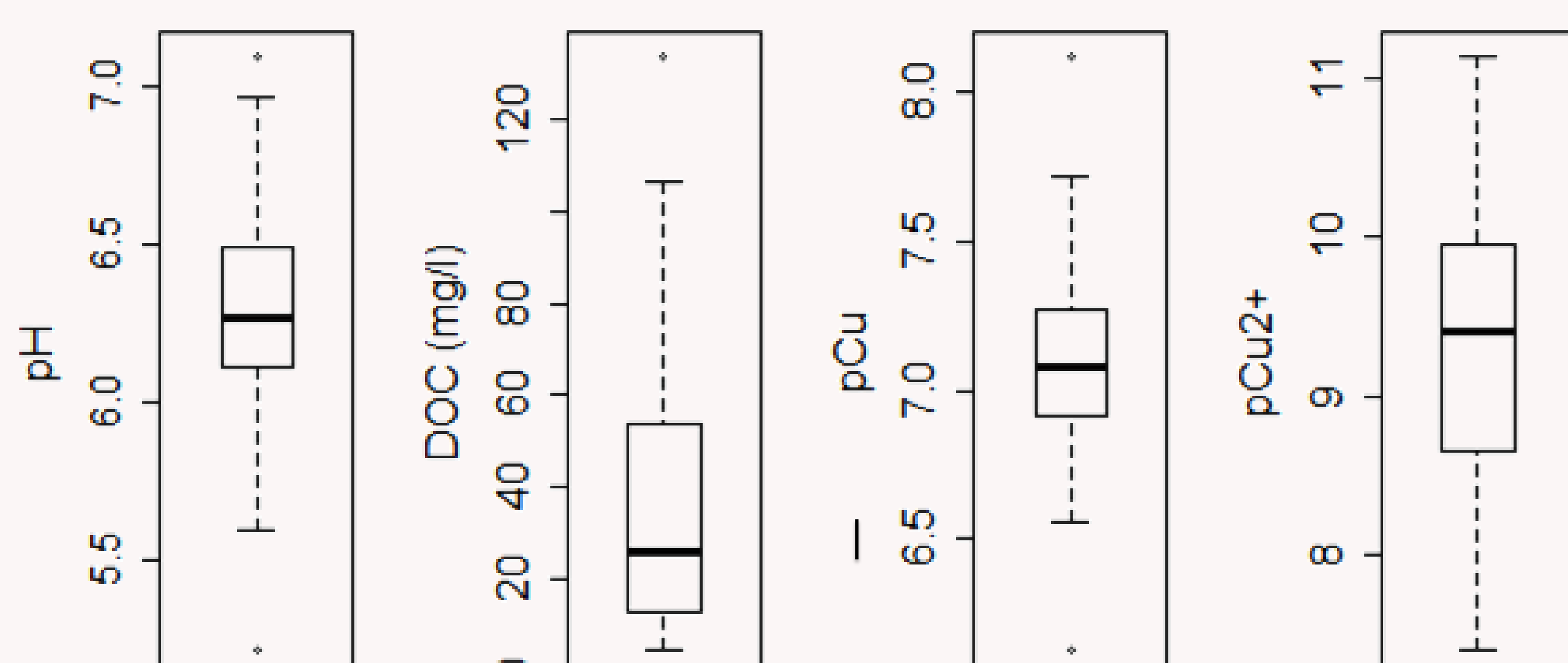


pCu²⁺: measure of Cu availability

Other measurements

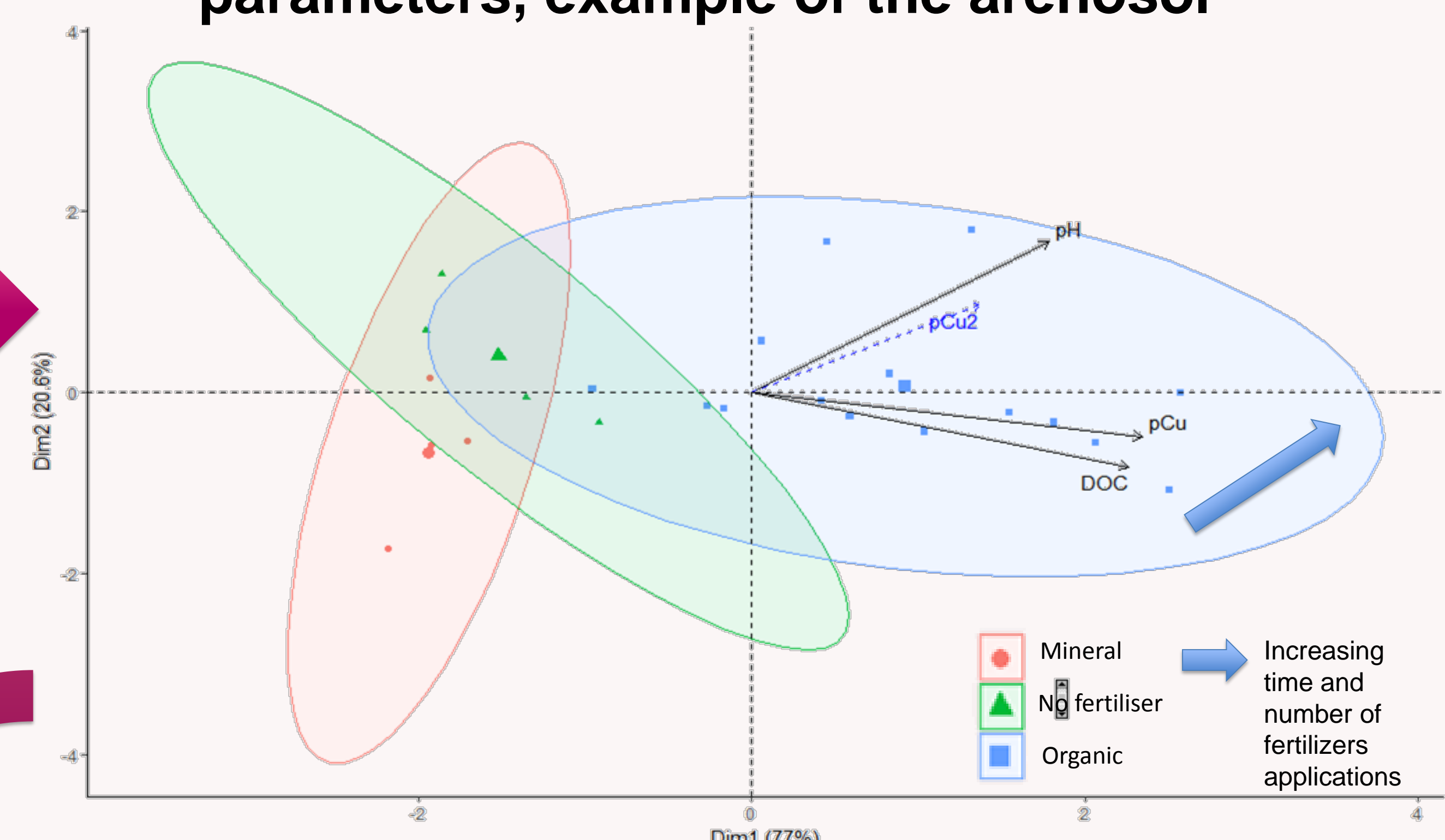
- pH
- Dissolved organic carbon (DOC)
- pCu = log₁₀[Cu]total in soil solution

Range of pH, pCu, COD and pCu²⁺ in soil solutions (n = 94)



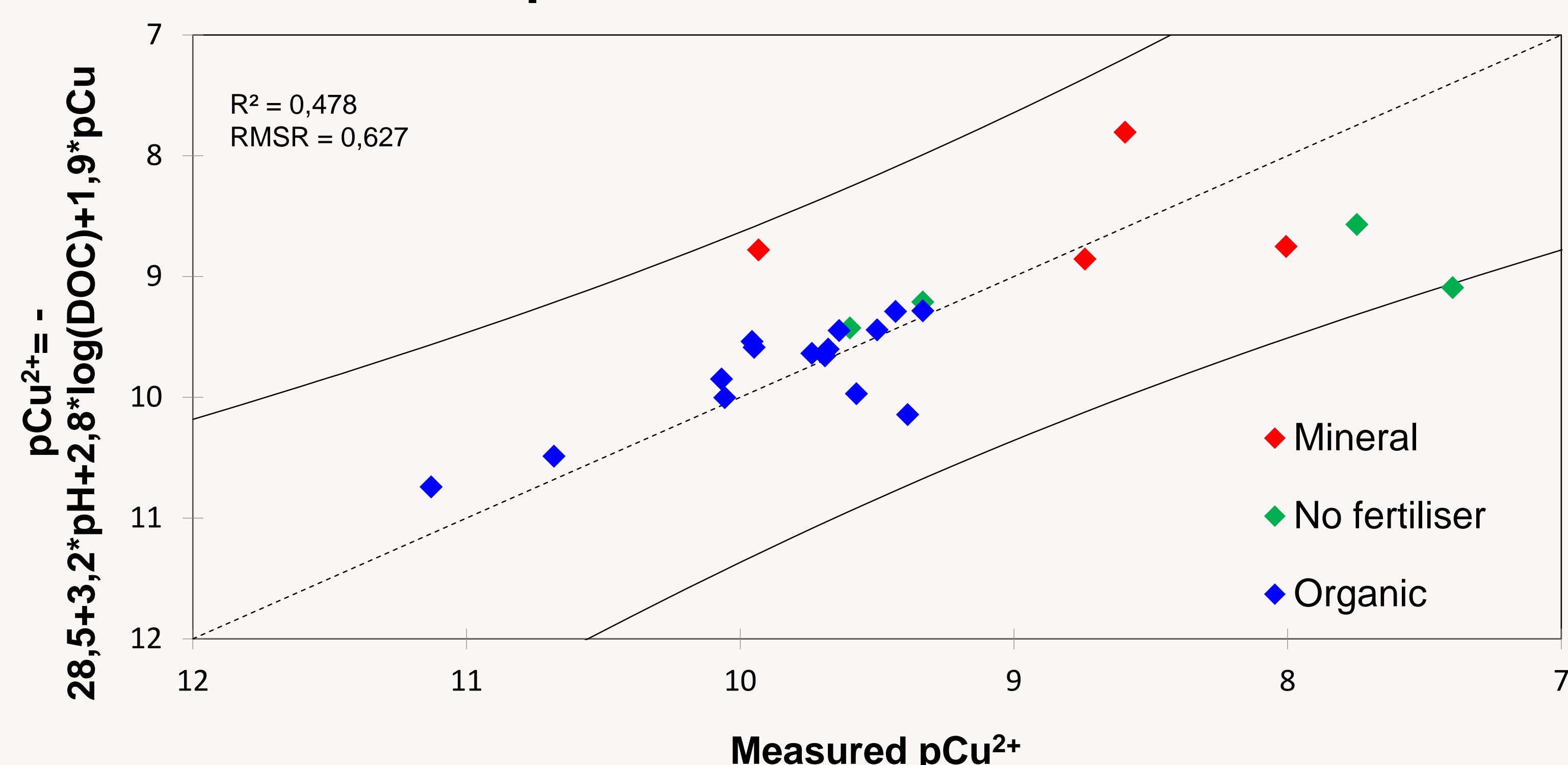
→ Large variations of soil solution parameters

Impact of fertilization on soil solution parameters, example of the arenosol



→ Long-term applications of organic fertilizers induced an increase in pH, DOC, pCu and pCu²⁺

Impact of soil solution parameters on pCu²⁺, example of the arenosol



→ Soil solution parameters other than pH, DOC and pCu drove pCu²⁺

Work in progress

Ecotoxicity assays



DGT (kinetic method)



RHIZOtest



Cu bioaccumulation in earthworms

Reference

Sauvé et al 2000
T.Djae et al 2017
ISO Norm 16198 - RHIZOtest